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1. Christian Conference of Asia

Special, 2004

Introduction

Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) is one of the region's largest ecumenical organisations comprising of 100 churches and 17 national councils from 21 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CCA exists as an organ and forum for continuing cooperation amongst churches and national Christian bodies in Asia. It has the following programmatic axes: peacebuilding and moving beyond conflict; Prophetic Diakonia and advocacy; mission in unity; and Ecumenical leadership.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, CCA restructured its governing board and has nominated a new Chief Executive Officer.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CCA contributes to the work of the United Nations by undertaking initiatives in: peace building; human rights advocacy; ecology and climate change; human trafficking; refugees and migrants; and stateless individuals. This institution also organizes interfaith dialogues and annually observes international days addressing indigenous people, women, youth, refugees and peace. To foster sustainable development, it conducts activities to support post-disaster recovery.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CCA participates in various meetings and conventions on peace, human rights and climate change and frequently attends sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CCA has collaborated with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to implement a joint training program for youth. It also engaged with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in initiatives pertaining to HIV AIDS and human trafficking. CCA has also partnered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to address the issue of migrants.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CCA has taken a frontline position in promoting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through its activities and continuously encourages its members to promote: gender equality; social justice to eradicate poverty; child health and protection; and environmental sustainability in their activities.

2. Compagnons d'action pour le développement familial

Special, 2012

Introduction

Compagnons d'action pour le développement familial (CADF) is a non-profit association created by young people in 1993 to combat extreme poverty among peri-urban and rural population groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote socioeconomic activity and encourage self-help and the collective commitment of the groups concerned. It conducts activities in the fields of primary health care, food security, basic education, protection of women and children, and the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

CADF works closely with many organizations active in promoting sustainable development and strengthening humanitarian activities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CADF takes an active role in various projects, such as: promotion of community agriculture with a view to strengthening food security and farmers' self-employment; development of preventive care in reproductive and maternal health as well as malaria; contributing to enrolment and retention of children in the formal education system by means of awareness-raising, reading competitions and the distribution of school kits; and conducting reforestation projects to combat climate change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CADF regularly attends meetings organized by the various United Nations agencies, such as the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Child Protection Cluster coordinated by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). In the course of those consultations it has taken an active part in the discussions relating to the Sustainable Development Goals held during the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, 25 to 27 September 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In June 2015, CADF signed the agreement on accession to the United Nations Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, the environment and the fight against corruption.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CADF designed a five-year action plan built around Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 1 to 6. From 2012 through 2015 it celebrated the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the World Day against Child Labour, and the

International Day of Peace. In particular, it raised thousands of people's awareness of women's and children's rights, organized antenatal monitoring of 6,588 pregnant women and arranged for the vaccination of 7,980 children.

3. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (COLCGS) is an international conglomeration of religious women present in 70 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Promotion of the dignity of girls and women is central to the mission of COLCGS. It develops and implements programmes to end poverty, human trafficking, and gender-based violence. It also ensures service delivery to address systemic and structural inequalities.

Significant changes in the organization

It has established regional offices in Latin America and Asia Pacific, and national offices in Angola, India and Lebanon.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

COLCGS delivers services to girls and women and has expanded its scope of work to provide technical support and capacity building. Key projects include the 'Good Shepherd MicroFinance' initiative which offers financial assistance to 650 locations across Australia. It also produced a documentary illustrating the transformative changes in an artisanal mining community in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

COLCGS has extensively participated in the following meetings of the United Nations:

- 50th, 51st and 52nd sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSD);
- 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW);
- 52nd, 53rd, 54th 55th and 56th sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
- Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 to 22 June 2012; and
- Third International Conference on Financing for Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13 to 16 July 2015.

Its members also contributed to the Universal Periodic Reviews pertaining to Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nicaragua and the Republic of Korea, amongst others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

COLCGS collaborated with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs' (DESA) Division for Social Policy and Development as chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development facilitating a civil society forum in New York on 28 February 2012. It also collaborated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to convene a side event during the 51st session of the Commission for Social Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

COLCGS focused on goals 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Millennium Developments Goals (MDGs) during the reporting period.

4. Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

Special, 2004

Introduction

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is one of five national indigenous organizations recognized by the Government of Canada. Since 1971, CAP — formerly known as the Native Council of Canada — represents the interests of aboriginal communities in Canada, including the Métis and the Inuit.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAP works with all levels of the government to improve the social, economic, political, cultural and educational situation of the off-reserve non-status, status and Métis aboriginal communities in Canada.

Significant changes in the organization

CAP has experienced changes in its affiliate capacity as follows: the United Native Nations Society (British Columbia) is no longer an affiliate; and the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba achieved affiliate status on September 26, 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CAP has attended several working groups and open-ended committees during the reporting period. It continued to advocate for the rights and interests of indigenous peoples and petitioned to the Government of Canada to officially support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CAP has actively taken part in meetings of the United Nations, inter alia, the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) held from 10 to 12 May 2012; the 13th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues convened from 11 to 23 May 2014; and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which took place from 30 November to 12 December 2015. It also organized a meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food in May 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

5. Corporación para la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos — Reiniciar

Special, 2012

Introduction

Corporacion para la Defensa y Promocion de los Derechos Humanos Reiniciar (CDPDHR) is a non-governmental human rights organization active in Colombia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its principal objective is the defense and promotion of human rights through training; comprehensive assistance to victims in legal, psychosocial, humanitarian and organizational matters; the documentation and litigation of cases; and lobbying for peace and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CDPDHR has contributed to the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Colombia by providing inputs on the human rights situation from 2012 to 2014. It also advocated for the implementation of universal human rights standards in public policy and emphasized compliance with treaties administered by the United Nations. It provided inputs to the deliberative processes on the rights of victims in the context of peace negotiations between the national government and the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) guerrillas. Along with hosting numerous high level meetings with senior United Nations' officials, it has actively participated in networks and

roundtables addressing human rights, torture, extra-judicial executions and enforced disappearances.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization participated in several meetings of the United Nations and provided various oral and written statements to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), in particular during its 22nd and 25th sessions in 2013 and 2014 respectively. It also participated in the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Colombia in 2013. In the framework of the Committee against Torture, it submitted oral statements to Colombia's fifth period report during its 54th session convened in Geneva, Switzerland from 20 April to 15 May 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CDPDHR cooperated with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for the implementation of the project addressing ownership and incorporation of human rights into the social and political agenda of Colombia, which has positively contributed to the human rights public policy guidelines 2014-2034 and underscored the enforceability of rights and peacebuilding.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CDPDHR focused its activities on supporting civil and political rights and has promoted gender equality and empowerment of women by advocating for these issues.

6. Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social

Special, 2012

Introduction

Corporación para la Investigación, el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción Social (CORPROGRESO) is an NGO established in 1995 to assist vulnerable communities and victims of the Colombian armed conflict.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CORPROGRESO seeks to become a global organization working to improve conditions of the poor, displaced and victims of armed conflict through innovative sustainable development initiatives in partnership with government agencies, international organizations and the private sector.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization has recently commenced projects towards capacity building of national authorities in Panama City, Panama.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CORPROGRESO implemented projects in partnership with the private sector to combat poverty and improve income-levels, health and nutrition, education, gender equality, employment and social cohesion. It further collaborated with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to prevent sexual and gender-based violence during armed conflicts in Putumayo, a region highly affected by armed conflict.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CORPROGRESO signed an agreement with UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP) in a project exchanging food for training and food for work opportunities. It also developed a prevention strategy to assist women and families combat sexual and gender-based violence. This organization also partnered with WFP to develop a seminar on corporate social responsibility which was attended by 170 entrepreneurs. Jointly with WFP and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), it supported a school feeding programme in 14 dormitories located in rural areas.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With over 171 projects and benefitting over 193,000 families, CORPROGRESO supports goals 1, 3 and 7 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGS) through the following initiatives: provision of trainings on food and nutritional security to improve alimentary needs and food consumption; implementing projects to combat sexual and gender-based violence targeting over 350 families; and supporting endeavours towards a sustainable environment.

7. Corps de réflexion et de planification pour l'utilité sociale

Special, 2012

Introduction

Corps de réflexion et de planification pour l'utilité sociale (CORPUS) is a non-profit organization created in 2007 to promote respect for human rights, and in particular the rights of the child.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CORPUS plays a bridging role in young people's informal learning through outreach methodologies that enhance diversity by bringing together young people from different backgrounds. The objectives of the organization are as follows: promotion and coordination of humanitarian and social activities; design and implementation of sustainable development projects; and protection of the rights of the child as set out in the United Nations Convention of 20 November 1989.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CORPUS is committed to making a contribution to the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in line with the United Nations development agenda. CORPUS has focused its activities on the development and implementation of education and health programmes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In the course of those activities it has successfully carried out numerous projects that sought to prevent racial discrimination and increase tolerance by educating young people on such topics as the prevention of racist acts and behaviour and xenophobia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CORPUS has attended several workshops and sessions of the Human Rights Council and participated in the numerous parallel events held during those sessions. It has taken an active part in the plenary meetings of expert committees such as the Committee on the Rights of the Child. It has made a constructive contribution to universal periodic reviews as well as to the follow-up to the World Conference against Racism (Durban, 2001). In 2015, it gave effect to certain concluding observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child following the review of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th State reports of Switzerland on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No information provided.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CORPUS engaged in capacity building at a primary school in Mbudi, a suburb of Kinshasa in the RDC. It also provided support for a health project on self-medication of pregnant women in rural areas. In 2013, to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, CORPUS held an awareness week, with lectures open to the public.

8. Cubraiti

Special, 2012

Introduction

CUBRAITI is a three segmented organization comprising of CUB (Cultures Unifying Borders), RA (Representing Artists) and ITI (International Theater of Investigations).

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to contribute to peace and security by advancing universal respect for healing arts, justice, human rights and fundamental freedoms as enshrined in the United Nations Charter through initiatives to:

- Foster international educational cross-cultural collaborations including art residency programs, workshops, theatre and cultural dance performances;
- Expose children, youth, artists and scholars to integrative arts and research through anthropological and ethnographic studies translated into multicultural musical performances; and
- Empower artists and indigenous communities with educational training and exposure to sustainable employment opportunities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CUBRAITI has partnered with non-profit educational arts and civil society organizations to ensure the inclusion of women, children and youth in the spirit of ensuring that "no one is left behind." During the reporting period it has organized dance, arts, crafts and spoken word workshops for children and adolescents in Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York. It also hosted an event during the International Women's Day at the New School University in New York with performances and workshops showcasing Brazilian and Iranian cultures.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization has participated in meetings and events related to the formulation and adoption of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the 2030 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It has also attended the General Assembly Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) convened on 15 and 16 April 2014 and the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 58). Moreover, representatives attended the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development held on 23 September 2013, the resumed Session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations which took place from 26 May to 3 June 2015 and annual sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CUBRAITI has supported the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through: advocacy and outreach via literacy arts projects; sponsoring humanitarian

events focusing on youth, women empowerment, health and peace; and building partnerships in South America and the Caribbean.

9. Deutsche Model United Nations

Special, 2012

Introduction

Deutsche Model United Nations (DMUN) is a youth led organization mainly active in Germany with extensive participation in international conferences.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DMUN advocates for increased participation of youth in international politics — especially within the United Nations system — a stronger youth empowerment across member states and NGOs, as well as a stronger recognition of the vital role of global learning amongst youth.

Significant changes in the organization

DMUN expanded its core work of organizing the Model United Nations (MUN) conferences to an international advocacy platform for youth participation and empowerment. Through this international engagement, DMUN has formed partnerships with other youth NGOs.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

DMUN contributes to the work of the United Nations by promoting the values of its Charter as well as its fundamental idea to high school students. Through annually organized MUN conferences, the youth undertake the role of delegates or NGO representatives enabling them to understand the uniqueness of the United Nations, which fosters a thorough understanding of its work and values. Furthermore, annual information campaigns inform German civil society organizations about important United Nations-related developments.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2013, representatives attended the Eighth Youth Forum organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) held in Paris, France. In 2014, DMUN was represented at the 65th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) NGO conference in New York and the World Investment Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2015, it participated in the 11th Conference of Youth (COY) convened in Paris, France.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DMUN cooperates with the German Commission for UNESCO to promote sustainable development through workshops in the framework of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2009-2014). It has also cooperated with the United Nations Volunteers to organize the 64th Department of Public Information (DPI) NGO conference and frequently liaises with the United

Nations Resource and Information Centre in Germany to foster a thorough understanding of the German youth about the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All MUN conferences deal with topics related to the MDGs which are discussed during its committees. DMUN also created an information campaign on the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development to encourage the German civil society and youth to participate in the development framework.

10. Disarm Education Fund

Special, 2012

Introduction

Disarm Education Fund (DEF) promotes peace and social justice by forming strategic partnerships with social movements in developing countries, and advocacy in the United States for a foreign policy focused on human rights and needs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DEF's programmes provide a voice for marginalized communities in Latin America and the Caribbean through robust advocacy and humanitarian assistance. These include: implementing media and communications campaigns; mobilizing activists to support progressive legislation; providing medical donations; and organizing high-level delegations to share skills and highlight social and humanitarian crises.

Significant changes in the organization

DEF is in the process of completing a merger with Global Health Partners and will be known as Global Health Partners effective July 2016.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, DEF provided 18 shipments of medical supplies to Cuba and Nicaragua worth USD $5.3 million. This aid included over USD $1 million in maxillofacial surgical tools and medicines for rare diseases for Cuba's young patients. DEF also delivered disaster preparedness modules containing food and medicines capable of sustaining 5,000 people for 30 days in Nicaragua to meet the needs of children with disabilities and empowering parental caregivers. DEF has taken action to build a grassroots campaign for lifting the United States' embargo against Cuba through advocacy and mobilization of politicians and businessmen. Along with its partners, DEF also provided training workshops to staff at Los Pipitos, a community-based network of services and training for children with disabilities in Nicaragua.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DEF provided a written testimony on Cuba during the 23rd regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council convened from 27 May to 14 June 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

DEF's work is closely aligned to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with programmes that seek to: end child mortality; ensure access to primary education for children with disabilities; supply medical aid to promote maternal health and combat diseases; and foster global partnerships for development.

11. Earth Child Institute

Special, 2012

Introduction

Earth Child Institute (ECI) is an international NGO dedicated to empowering children through education for sustainable development, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and climate change advocacy. It is based in the United States of America and implements projects in Brazil, Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ECI advocates for sustainable development at the policy level primarily targeting individuals under the age of 18 toward a sustainable future through WASH campaigns in schools, climate change education and advocacy, reforestation and local actions to improve the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

ECI has experienced incremental growth and outreach to the private sector and is collaborating with the Swarovski Waterschool programme in the Amazon region of Brazil to develop teaching, learning and policy advocacy materials.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ECI makes regular contributions to the work of the United Nations by advocating for children at side events during climate change conferences of the United Nations and sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and Commission on Social Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ECI participated annually at Conferences of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Forum on Forests, Commissions on the Status of Women, Commissions on Social Development and the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Leaders' Summit.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ECI collaborates extensively with United Nations bodies, including serving as an affiliate/member to the UNGC, UNICEF, UNFCCC, the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ECI contributes to goal 3 and 7 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by advocating on behalf of children at the international level for increased access to education and extending their access to water and sanitation.

12. Earth Society Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Earth Society Foundation (ESF) strives to effectuate planetary consciousness to current challenges and embraces ideals that enhance prospects for peace and the elevation of the human condition.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since 1971, ESF annually commemorates Earth Day ceremonies at the United Nations Headquarters. The ringing of the Peace Bell during these events designates an occasion for all to reflect on and renew their commitment to the protection and care of the planet.

Significant changes in the organization

Following the death of its founder, ESF is undergoing restructuring and will have a new Advisory Board and an expanded Youth Caucus.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ESF contributes to the work of the United Nations by annually commemorating the Earth Day Peace Bell ceremony by promoting designated themes and cooperating with the relevant United Nations agencies to invite speakers and experts for the ceremony. For example, in 2012 ESF focused on the Agenda 21 and the Rio Principles and in 2014 it highlighted indigenous cultures.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended several meetings of the United Nations, including the launch of the World Youth Report convened on 6 February 2012 in New York and the annual International Day of Peace ceremony commemorated on 21 September of every year during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ESF continues its collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on addressing climate change and resiliency which sponsors the Earth Day celebrations. ESF also partners with UNESCO and universities in the formation of a Task Force for North American Alliance for Sustainable Development and Education and a New York Urban Biosphere Group focusing on resiliency and preparing for climate change.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to climate change by initiating a program to restore forests and generate solar power. In 2013 the organization established a centre for climate change research at the Reservoir in Queens, New York and is in the process of organizing an Energy Conference reviewing new and existing energy systems globally.

13. East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project

Special, 2012

Introduction

East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP) seeks to strengthen the work of human rights defenders in the sub-region by reducing their vulnerability to persecution and enhancing their capacity to defend human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The core aims of this organization are advocacy, capacity building, protection and security management. EHAHRDP further seeks to address insufficient collaboration amongst NGOs, resource constraints and knowledge gaps as it relates to international human rights mechanisms and crisis management.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2009, EHAHRDP serves as the secretariat of the Pan African Human Rights Defenders Network (PAHRDN) divided into five sub-regional networks.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EHAHRDP protects human rights defenders and trains them to better manage their security and access with respect to regional and international human rights mechanisms. EHAHRDP regularly highlights violations in the sub-region through press statements, panel discussions, letters to United Nations' officials and advocacy. In 2013, it published a report on the threats faced by human rights defenders working on extractive industries in Uganda and Tanzania. It also produced a briefing paper titled 'Human Rights Defenders: A Key to Fighting Sexual Violence in African Conflicts?' which was presented during the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict convened from 10 to 13 June 2014 in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Since 2012, the organisation has supported 43 human rights defenders financially to attend the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) sessions. It actively advocated, inter alia, for the UNHRC to establish the Commission of Inquiry and the Special Rapporteur's mandate on Eritrea and the Commission on the situation of human rights in South Sudan. Since 2012, EHAHRDP organised 13 side-events, co-sponsored four, and delivered 42 oral statements at UNHRC sessions including its 23rd, 24th, 26th, 29th and 30th sessions. EHAHRDP also submitted civil society reports for the Universal Periodic Reviews of the UNHRC covering Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In May 2015, it co-organised a regional consultation with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to facilitate the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders' research into prevalent trends and patterns in Africa. EHAHRDP regularly engages with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Burundi and Uganda and the United Nations peacekeeping operations in Somalia and South Sudan to raise awareness of human rights defenders and discuss insights to improve their protection.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EHAHRDP contributed to goals 3 and 7 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by supporting defenders of environmental and women's rights.

14. Eastern African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Eastern African Sub-Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women (EASSI) was formed in 1996 in Uganda to monitor implementation of the African and Beijing Platforms for Action. It covers developments in Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia and Tanzania and works with women's network organizations to address women rights, gender equality, economic development, conflict prevention, post-conflict reconstruction and governance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

EASSI aims to have a society with gender equality, access to justice and peaceful coexistence. It promotes these objectives by catalysing national, regional and international processes on critical areas of concern in order to make concrete and meaningful changes for women and their advancement.

Significant changes in the organization

EASSI has recently begun implementing projects at the regional level.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EASSI is a member of the United Nations Commission on Status of Women (CSW) Africa and co-facilitates the preparatory process for African women's NGOs prior to each session. It also lobbies to African countries to support the women's position in the outcome documents. EASSI also monitored the developments of meetings in relation to the Beijing + 20 and produced a shadow report for Uganda in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

EASSI participates annually and organizes side events during the CSW and actively engages in meetings in relation to the Arms Trade Treaty and the United Programme of Action (POA) on small arms and light weapons. It also participates in the inter-governmental Committee of Experts meetings convened by the Eastern and Southern Africa sub-regional office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) based in Kigali, Rwanda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

EASSI cooperates with United Nations Women (UN Women) and received funding from it to compile the Beijing+20 Shadow report for Uganda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EASSI focused on reproductive health and produced a scorecard to measure implementation by its member states. It promoted women and girls' economic empowerment by reaching out to over 6,200 women and girls through its initiatives. It established seven resource and information centres in East Africa to support women traders overcome non-tariff barriers that obstruct their trade practices.

15. Ecoagriculture International

Special, 2012

Introduction

Ecoagriculture International (EI) strives to bring about a world where rural landscapes are managed as ecoagriculture landscapes — to simultaneously improve rural livelihoods, conserve native ecosystems and sustainably produce food and fiber.

Aims and purposes of the organization

EI provides training, research, policy solutions and support to farmers, communities, and organizations at the local, national and international levels to create and sustain eco-agriculture landscapes worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EI led the founding of the international multi-stakeholder partnership titled 'Landscapes for People, Food and Nature (LPFN) Initiative' which has over 80 member organizations and for which it currently serves as secretariat. This initiative — active in Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam — seeks to address challenges and create opportunities for natural resource management.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings:

- 11th meeting of the Conferences of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD), Hyderabad, India, 8 to 19 October 2012;
- 41st meeting of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Rome, Italy, 13 to 18 October 2014; and
- 12th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Ankara, Turkey, 12 to 23 October 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

EI co-founded the LPFN Initiative together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), among others. UNEP jointly sponsored the LPFN at a conference convened in Nairobi, Kenya from 2 to 4 July 2014. EI also partners with the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) in its Equator Initiative and coproduces a quarterly seminar series with the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) on landscape approaches to food security. In 2015, it partnered with UNEP to promote integrated approaches to development and climate change mitigation and adaptation in the framework of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 21).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EI contributed to developing integrated approaches to assist stakeholder groups find solutions to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Through research, capacity-building and advocacy, EI promoted local governance of natural resources as a mechanism to enhance the implementation of the MDGs.